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In response to the **Final Office Action** mailed August 14, 2006, on the above-referenced application, and in accordance with the accompanying **Request for Continued Examination**, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.